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FOLLOWING MSG BOMBAY 2777 DTD 29 OCT 75 RCVD NEW DELHI BEING
REPEATED YOU

QUOTE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH OTRA

SUBJ: PHYSICAL SECURITY DISCUSSIONS

REF NEW DELHI 14278

1. IN RESPONSE REFTTEL, I AM TRANSMITTING TEXT SETHNA'S LETTER
WELCOMING PHYSICAL SECURITY TEAM. MY LETTER, MENTIONED IN TRANS-
MITTAL, IS A CLOSE PARAPHRASE OF DEPTTEL 252829. SETHNA SAID PUR-
POSE HIS LETTER WAS NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE RECORD THAT TEAM WOULD
INDEED BE WELCOME, BUT ALSO TO EMPHASIZE HIS POINTS ABOUT NEED FOR
VISIT TO HYDERABAD AND LIKELIHOOD OF NEED FOR A SUBSEQUENT
VISIT BY U.S. TEAM.

2. PLEASE CONFIRM DATES FOR VISIT SO CG CAN FIRM UP HOTEL ROOMS
WHICH BECOMING VERY SCARCE IN BOMBAY AS TOURIST SEASON DEVELOPS.

3. TEXT OF LETTER:

QUOTE: DEAR MR CONSUL GENERAL,

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I THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 24, 1975, IN WHICH IT

HAS BEEN STATED THAT A TEAM FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
CONSISTING OF OFFICIALS FROM ERDA AND NRC WOULD LIKE TO VISIT
INDIA AND THE NUCLEAR FACILITIES AT TARAPUR NEAR BOMBAY FROM
NOVEMBER 11 TO 14, 1975.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THIS FOLLOWS THE DISCUSSION I HAD WITH
COMMISSIONER KENNEDY AND MR SEAMANS WHEN I WAS IN VIENNA.
WE WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO WELCOME THE VISIT OF THESE GENTLEMEN.
HOWEVER, WE WILL HAVE TO CONSIDER THIS VISIT AS A PRELIMINARY ONE
AS THE NOTICE IS VERY SHORT.

IN YOUR LETTER YOU HAVE STATED THAT THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE
TO VISIT FACILITIES WHICH PROCESS U.S. SUPPLIED MATERIAL. THIS
WOULD MEAN THAT THE TEAM WOULD HAVE TO VISIT HYDERABAD, WHERE
THE ENRICHED URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE FROM THE U.S. IS CONVERTED INTO
FUEL ELEMENTS FOR THE TARAPUR REACTORS. THERE ARE TWO DAILY
FLIGHTS TO AND FROM HYDERABAD. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THEY ARRANGE
TO FLY TO HYDERABAD IN THE MORNING AND RETURN BY THE EVENING
FLIGHT. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE TEAM STAYS FOR ONE MORE DAY IN
INDIA.

ON OUR SIDE, WE WILL HAVE THE NECESSARY PERSONS AVAILABLE
FOR A FULL DISCUSSION, BUT AS POINTED OUT EARLIER, IN VIEW OF THE
SHORT NOTICE A SECOND VISIT WILL BE NECESSARY.

WITH KIND REGARDS,

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSING (S)

H.N. SETHNA

CHAIRMAN, ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, UNQUOTE.
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